The White House

The president is the leader of the United States.

In 1790, Washington, D.C. became the United States’ capital. The capital is where the leaders work. Everyone thought that the president should live in the capital. They decided to build a home for the president. A contest was held. Builders made plans. Each plan showed what the president’s house would look like. James Hoban made the winning plan.

In 1792, the work began. The workers painted the outside white. That is how the president’s house got its new name. Today, the White House has 142 rooms. The president’s family lives upstairs. The president works downstairs. Meetings take place there. Sometimes parties are held there, too.
1. Who lives at the White House?

2. How did the White House get its name?

3. Where does the president’s family sleep?

4. Today, how many rooms are in the White House?

If you could redesign the White House, what would you change? Draw your new White House below.